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**CC:** Palmer, John [Palmer.John@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: FYI: WA hydroelectric facilities NPDES permits

Thanks! ☺

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Hey Mary Lou, thanks for the email. I'm farther along now so can give you a quick update of where I'm at. I'm also in the process of reaching out to many people in the Columbia, so want to keep you in the loop on that. I'll find a time that we can all discuss, so everyone can look for an invite.

Really briefly, re: external communication, here's who I'm talking to:

Permittees: Dru and I talked with U.S. Army Corps, Portland and Walla Walla districts; We've emailed with BOR, Idaho re: Grand Coulee and talk on Monday.

Services: John has talked with Ritchie Graves, and we can let you know the tentative ESA plan.

Tribes: I sent this tentative list to the Tribal Unit to confirm that I have the right tribes. Does this look right to you?

Grand Coulee Dam – Colville, Kalispel, and Spokane

Lower Snake River dams (Ice harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose, and Lower Granite) – Nez Perce, Umatilla, Yakama

Lower Columbia River dams (Bonneville, the Dalles, John Day, McNary) – Umatilla, Yakama, and Warm Springs

The tentative plan is to go out for public comment in mid-September. Talk to you soon. - Jenny

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Jenny:

Thanks for your message and congratulations on your new assignment. Please let me know how I can help you. Dan did speak about this at the last Columbia River Federal Executives Meeting and we agreed that we

should have a more detailed presentation at an upcoming Columbia River Federal Caucus meeting which occurs once a month. Let's talk when we can.

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**Subject:** FYI: WA hydroelectric facilities NPDES permits

Hi Mary Lou and Laurie,

I hope you had a good July 4<sup>th</sup> and are enjoying the summer weather. I wanted to let you both know that I've been assigned to work on NPDES permits for several hydroelectric dams in Washington on the Columbia and lower Snake River that EPA has jurisdiction over. The permits that I'm working on will be based on the draft Idaho general permit for small hydroelectric dams currently out for public comment, that Dru is working on. As you might know, these permits cover incidental cooling water, oil and grease, and any detritus or sediment from fish ladders that are discharged from outfalls. It doesn't cover or have anything to do with the spill over the dam, including temperature, TDG, or amount of flow from the spill – in other words, the NPDES permit won't be covering the things that may be of most interest to stakeholders.

The dams I'm covering are the Grand Coulee, McNary, John Day, the Dalles, and Bonneville on the Columbia, and Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and Ice Harbor. I just wanted to give you both a heads up since you're the Columbia River coordinator, Mary Lou, and both of you are out in the public where it might come up. I'm just getting started, but this is part of the Pruitt push to issue permits to all new applicants by the end of this year, so this is going to happen quickly with a goal of issuing by the end of November and having permits be effective by the end of December. I plan to have extensive outreach with the Services, tribes, and states starting next week so that they're also aware of what's going on and so that I can keep them up to date. I'll also keep both of you up to date on significant issues and milestones, just so you're aware.

This is very much a work in process, so things will likely evolve. Here's a project plan I put together if you're interested in the general timeframe and thinking. The key thing is that these permits will be covering fairly incidental discharges from the dam outfalls. But still, given all the other activities going on in the basin (Treaty negotiation, spills, temp TMDL, and tons of other things that Mary Lou knows), it could drum up some interest and questions. If you have questions in the meanwhile, please let me know.

Thanks,  
Jenny